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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A room service table, comprising:

a frame;

a table top;

wheels supporting the frame;

a push handle ~~moving~~ movable between a use position and a storage position, wherein the handle is fixed and extends above and beyond the table top in the use position and wherein the handle is fixed and extends ~~under~~ along an underside of the table top in the storage position.

13. (Previously Presented) A table according to claim 12, wherein the handle pivots between the use position and the storage position.

14. (Previously Presented) A table according to claim 12, wherein the handle is rigidly set at the use position and at the storage position.

15. (Previously Presented) A table according to claim 12, wherein the handle extends above the wheels at the use position and at the storage position.

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16. (Currently Amended) A table according to claim 12, wherein the handle is ~~moved~~ movable between the use position and the storage position while the cart is supported on the wheels.
17. (Previously Presented) A table according to claim 12, wherein the handle includes a rigid grip portion and connecting portion, wherein the connecting portion pivotally mounts to an underside of the table top.
18. (Previously Presented) A table according to claim 12, wherein the table top comprises a center portion and side portions folding downward.
19. (Previously Presented) A table according to claim 12, further comprising a handle lock for locking the handle at the use position and at the storage position.
20. (Currently Amended) A table according to claim 12, wherein the handle includes a pivoting pivot axis and wherein the handle extends in a first direction away from and above the pivoting pivot axis at the use position and wherein the handle extends in a second generally horizontal direction away from the pivoting pivot axis at the storage position.
21. (Currently Amended) A table according to claim 12, wherein the handle ~~abuts~~ comprises a grip portion, wherein the grip portion is proximate an underside of the table top in the storage position.
22. (Currently Amended) A room service table, comprising:
- a folding table top having a center portion and folding side portions;
- a frame supporting the center portion;

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wheels mounted to the frame;

a handle pivotally mounted to an underside of the center portion, wherein the handle pivots between a first position with the handle rigidly fixed beneath and proximate the table top center portion, and a second position with handle rigidly fixed above the table top.

23. (Previously Presented) A room service table according to claim 22, wherein the handle extends horizontally beyond a periphery of the table top.

24. (Previously Presented) A room service table according to claim 22, wherein the handle comprises a push handle.

25. (Currently Amended) A handle for a room service table having a table top, a frame supporting the table top, and wheels mounted to the frame, the handle comprising:

a pivot configured for mounting at an underside of the table;

a grip portion configured for gripping while pushing by a user;

a connecting portion attaching to the pivot and the grip portion;

a first lock for rigidly fixing the handle at a use position wherein the handle extends above and beyond the table top; and

a second lock for rigidly fixing the handle at a storage position wherein the handle extends substantially along an underside of ~~beneath~~ the table top.

26. (Previously Presented) A handle according to claim 25, wherein the first lock and the second lock are releasable.

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27. (Currently Amended) A handle according to claim 14, wherein the wherein the grip portion of the handle abuts the underside of the table at the storage position.

28. (New) A room service table, comprising:

a folding table top having a center portion and folding side portions;

a frame supporting the center portion and including spaced part vertical frame members defining open ends;

wheels mounted to the frame;

a handle pivotally mounted to an underside of the center portion, wherein the handle pivots through a first one of the open ends between a use position with the handle rigidly fixed above the table top and a storage position with the handle rigidly fixed beneath and proximate the center portion.

29. (New) A room service table according to claim 28, wherein the handle extends along an underside of the table top at the storage position.

30. (New) A room service table according to claim 29, wherein the handle pivots more than 180 degrees between the use position and the storage position.

31. (New) A room service table according to claim 30, wherein the handle passes through a vertically extending position intermediate the use position and the storage position.

32. (New) A room service table according to claim 28, wherein the handle pivots more than 180 degrees between the use position and the storage position.

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33. (New) A room service table according to claim 28, wherein the handle pivots to the storage position through a position beyond vertical.

34. (New) A room service table according to claim 28, wherein the handle extends substantially horizontally at the storage position.